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SUBJECT: CANADA MAKING ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO IRAQ RELIEF

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Classified By: Pol MC Brian Flora for reasons 1.5(b) and (d)

¶1. (C) Don Sinclair, Director General of DFAIT's Middle East and North Africa Bureau, gave us a heads-up on May 14 that the government of Canada will announce shortly an additional contribution of C\$200 million (approximately U.S.\$140 million) for humanitarian relief needs and reconstruction in Iraq. This contribution is on top of Canada's previously announced Iraq contributions in the amount of C\$100 million (see reftels), bringing the total amount earmarked by Canada for Iraq assistance this year to C\$300 million (approximately U.S. \$210 million). A public announcement of this contribution will be made after final approval by the Prime Minister, and could come as early as this afternoon. Post will provide additional details on the allocation of this contribution when they are released.

¶2. (C) Sinclair also indicated that GOC would announce its plans to re-establish a mission in Baghdad.

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